



City of Buellton

June 3, 2008

Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Nichols:

The City of Buellton has long been a leader in protecting our local and natural environment. We are committed to working with your agency to export these values statewide and nationwide.

As an elected official who works closely with local business and industry, I understand the impact of rising energy costs. I am therefore requesting that when Assembly Bill 32 is implemented, the California Air Resources Board conducts a thorough analysis of how higher electricity, natural gas, gasoline and diesel costs will impact the budgets of local governments in the state.

We also urge the California Air Resources Board to consider innovative ways to reduce the cost of implementing Assembly Bill 32 by exploring market-oriented approaches instead of inflexible mandates.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Russ Hicks
Mayor

